

What is claimed is:

1. A trailing edge deletion prevention apparatus suitable for use with an image forming system, comprising:  
a paper guide mounted along a paper path and adapted to guide said paper along said paper path; and  
a biasing member mounted to said image forming system and biased against said paper guide along said paper path and allowing a printing device to pass proximate to said biasing member while printing along a trailing edge of said paper.

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2. The trailing edge deletion prevention apparatus of claim 1, wherein said paper guide is a roller and is mounted perpendicular to said paper path and adapted to be rotatably mounted about an axis perpendicular to said paper path.

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3. The trailing edge deletion prevention apparatus of claim 1, wherein said biasing member is a pinch spring.

4. The trailing edge deletion prevention apparatus of claim 3, wherein said biasing member has a first end adapted to be mounted to said image forming system and a second end biased against said paper guide such that said biasing member is substantially aligned, from said first end to said second end, toward said paper path.

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5. A trailing edge deletion prevention apparatus suitable for use with an image forming system, comprising:

a paper guide mounted along a paper path and adapted to guide said paper along said paper path; and

a biasing member mounted to said image forming system and biased against said paper guide to cause said paper to be taut to a location further along said paper path and configured to accommodate a printing device to access a trailing edge of

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said paper.

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6. The trailing edge deletion prevention apparatus of claim 5, wherein said paper guide is a roller and is mounted perpendicular to said paper path and adapted to be rotatably mounted about an axis perpendicular to said paper path.

5 7. The trailing edge deletion prevention apparatus of claim 5, wherein said biasing member is a pinch spring.

8. The trailing edge deletion prevention apparatus of claim 7, wherein said biasing member has a first end adapted to be mounted to said image forming system and  
10 a second end biased against said paper guide such that said biasing member is substantially aligned, from said first end to said second end, toward said paper path.

9. A trailing edge deletion prevention apparatus suitable for use with an image forming system, comprising:

15 an interdigitated support element forming a plane and having a first portion interdigitated with a second portion, wherein said first portion and said second portion are movable relative to each other within said plane;

an attachment device to secure a piece of paper to at least one of said first portion and said second portion; ~~A~~

20 wherein said attachment device is adapted to selectively secure said paper to one of said first portion and said second portion to allow said paper to be advanced along said plane by the relative movement of said first portion and said second portion.

10. The trailing edge deletion prevention apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:  
25 at least one first digit protruding from said first portion toward said second portion; and

at least one second digit protruding from said second portion toward said first portion and mating with said first digit.

30 11. The trailing edge deletion prevention apparatus of claim 9, wherein said attachment device operates by electrostatic energy.

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12. The trailing edge deletion prevention apparatus of claim 9, wherein said attachment device operates by a vacuum.

13. A method for deleting a trailing edge of a piece of paper processed by an image forming system, comprising the steps of:  
5    biasing a biasing member against a paper guide;  
      passing a piece of paper between said biasing member and said paper guide such that said piece of paper is taut to a location further along a paper path; and  
      locating a printing device proximate to said biasing member and said  
10   paper guide to allow an image to be formed along a trailing edge of said paper.

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